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AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION

Please amend the specification as follows:

[0100] In preferred embodiments, the UV protection properties of the coating may be enhanced by the addition of different additives. In a preferred embodiment, the UV protection coating material used provides UV protection up to about 350 nm or less ~~greater~~, preferably about 370 nm or less ~~greater~~, more preferably about 400 nm or less ~~greater~~. The UV protection material may be used as an additive with layers providing additional functionality or applied separately as a single coat. Preferably additives providing enhanced UV protection are present in the coating solution/dispersion from about 1 to 20%, but also including about 3%, 5%, 10%, and 15%. Preferably the UV protection material is added in a form that is compatible with aqueous based solutions/dispersions. For example, a preferred UV protection material is Milliken UV390A clear shield. UV390A is an oily liquid for which mixing is aided by first blending the liquid with water, preferably in roughly equal parts by volume. This blend is then added to the TPE solution, for example, BLOX® 599-29, and agitated. The resulting solution contains about 10% UV390A and provides UV protection up to 400 nm when applied to a PET preform. As previously described, in another embodiment the UV390A solution is applied as a single coating.

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REMARKS

Paragraph [0100] of the specification as filed has been amended. The claims have not been amended, accordingly original claims 1-51 are currently pending in this application. Consideration of the application in view of the following comments is respectfully requested.

The preliminary amendment to the specification is made to correct an obvious mistake. One of skill in the art would not only recognize this mistake as an obvious error but would also consider the correction to be the appropriate and only choice. One of skill in the art would know that UV protection or UV blockers are used to block wavelengths in the UV range. Therefore, the limitation on UV blockers should be directed towards the lower wavelengths, i.e. those further in the UV range, rather than the greater wavelengths which would be in the visible wavelength spectrum. Accordingly, applicant submits that this amendment corrects an obvious mistake in a manner consistent with the knowledge of one of skill in the art and therefore does not constitute new matter. *See In re Oda*, 443 F.2d 1200 (CCPA 1971).

Conclusion

In view of the foregoing amendments and comments, it is respectfully submitted that the present application is fully in condition for examination and allowance, and such action is earnestly solicited. If, however, any questions remain, Examiner is cordially invited to contact the undersigned so that any such matters may be promptly resolved.

Please charge any additional fees, including any fees for additional extension of time, or credit overpayment to Deposit Account No. 11-1410.

Respectfully submitted,

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